



# Park Avenue Synagogue ק"ק אגודת ישרים Bulletin

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"Tzedakah and acts  
of kindness are  
equivalent to all the  
mitzvot of the Torah"

-Jerusalem Talmud, Pe'ah 1:1

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5773



## Sharpening our Vision, Determining our Pathways



**WRITE THIS ARTICLE** in the midst of the presidential debate season, as the American people are transfixed on dueling visions for the American future. What is it about these public exchanges that captivate our attention? Aside from the theatrics, a good debate ideally

enables the listener to cultivate his or her own opinions on matters of common concern. Despite their contentiousness, these passionate conversations offer a much-needed opportunity to sharpen a shared vision and clarify the pathways forward.

It is with this thought that I share the exciting format of this year's lecture series. As I discussed over the holidays, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous congregational family, Park Avenue Synagogue will host a lecture series on "The Shifting Landscape of American Jewry." Once again we will bring global Jewish conversations into our midst by way of the very top thinkers in the field.

This year the format of the evenings will shift to a conversational style. Beyond their own remarks, our speakers will be extended the opportunity for a public exchange of viewpoints. It should not surprise us that the Jewish world is filled with competing visions for the prescriptive steps forward. What better way for our community to chart our own path, than to hear from authorities in the field?

On our first evening of dialogue, on November 13, we will host Jack Wertheimer of the Jewish Theological Seminary and Ari Y. Kelman of Stanford University. Professor Wertheimer has written prolifically on the Jewish past and future, heading up some of the most well-read studies of contemporary Jewish institutional life. Professor Kelman is perhaps the pre-eminent observer of the next generation. A close watcher of trends and affiliation patterns, Professor Kelman is uniquely positioned to comment on what actually "works" in the new generation of Jewish life and living. Aside from being top scholars, Ari and Jack are wholly invested in the Jewish future. The evening will be engaging, lively and provocative. Most of all, it will force us to look seriously at our own community agenda.

The series will continue on December 11, when the four Conservative rabbis of the East Side will share diverse visions of congregational life as well as of the Conservative movement. Please check the Program Calendar and [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) for details. I hope that you can be there to listen, participate and contribute towards shaping our future.



Above, on cover and facing page: Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Mitzvah Day 2011. Photos by Maxine Dovere.

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*Sponsored by the Tikkun Olam Committee*

## **Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Mitzvah Day 2012**

**Sunday | November 18 | 9:30 am – 1:30 pm**

Mitzvah Day is almost here! Join the PAS community for a day of Learning & Doing!

When you come, please bring with you:

☐ Your tzedakah box full of coins to help fill our PAS community tzedakah box. *If you haven't received a VKW Mitzvah Day tzedakah box, pick one up in the Library or use a favorite tzedakah box you already have at home.*

☐ Books to build a library for children in need. *Please bring new and gently used books for children in Nursery – 12th grade.*

- Hands-on projects to help those in need
- Inspiring, interactive learning about mitzvot, led by clergy
- Helping Hands activities at the ECC
- Preparing packages and gifts for seniors and homeless in New York, for Jewish soldiers and for families and children around the world
- Packing food for Food Pantry Thanksgiving distribution
- Annual blood drive
- Behind-the-scenes tour of PAS
- Storytime for toddlers
- Mitzvah Day Café
- PAS Rock Band
- And much more!

**If you are interested in getting involved with Mitzvah Day, contact Joanna Silver at [joannasilver@verizon.net](mailto:joannasilver@verizon.net) or Amy Steiner at [amy.steiner@yahoo.com](mailto:amy.steiner@yahoo.com).**

**To volunteer on Mitzvah Day, contact Stan Siegelbaum at [sjsiegelbaum@gmail.com](mailto:sjsiegelbaum@gmail.com) or 212-744-1718.**

**Check regularly at [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org) under Tikkun Olam/Mitzvah Day 2012 for updates including schedule and a list of beneficiary agencies.**

**Please note:** There will be no Tag Sale this Mitzvah Day. The synagogue will hold collection drives throughout the year. Please check [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org) regularly for more information.



## Schedule of Religious Services · חשון-כסלו

Daily minyanim Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am. **Minha/Ma'ariv** Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

17 HESHVAN

6:15 pm | Friday Evening service

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

18 HESHVAN

Parashat Va-yera

9:15 am | Sanctuary service

Bar Mitzvah of Charles Saffar

11:15 am | YFE Shabbat programs  
(see p. 13)

20 minutes after morning services | Minha

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

24 HESHVAN

6:15 pm | Friday Evening service

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

25 HESHVAN

Parashat Hayyei Sarah

9:15 am | Sanctuary service

Bar Mitzvah of Liam Serota

9:30 am | Havurah service

20 minutes after morning services | Minha

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

2 KISLEV

5:00 pm | YFE Shabbat service with  
Birthday Blessings (see p. 13)

6:15 pm | Friday Evening service

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

3 KISLEV

Parashat Tol'dot

9:15 am | Sanctuary service

Bar Mitzvah of Oliver Fisher

20 minutes after morning services | Minha

4:30 pm | Hazzan's Tisch and Havdalah  
Savor the end of Shabbat at Cantor Azi  
Schwartz's home. Schmooze, snack,  
sing, recite ma'ariv (the evening service)  
together and end with Havdalah.

To register, visit [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org), Music at PAS, and  
click on Events or call 212-369-2600, x128.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9 KISLEV

6:15 pm | Friday Evening service

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

11 KISLEV

Parashat Va-yetzei

9:15 am | Sanctuary service

20 minutes after morning services | Minha

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

16 KISLEV

6:15 pm | Musical Kabbalat Shabbat with  
Guest Artist Hazzan Natasha Hirschhorn

**HAZZAN HIRSCHHORN** has received  
critical acclaim as an extraordinary  
composer, arranger, vocalist and pianist.  
She graduated from the Gnesin Music  
College in Moscow and studied at the  
Kiev State Conservatory. Her quest for  
Jewish education brought her to the U.S.,  
where she first studied privately and  
then at the Academy for Jewish Religion.  
She was ordained as Hazzan and  
Teacher in Israel in 1999. She currently  
serves as Hazzan and Music Director  
at Congregation Ansche Chesed on the  
Upper West Side.

For more information about Hazzan  
Hirschhorn, please visit [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org), click  
on Music at PAS and then on the Musical  
Kabbalat Service in the list on the right.

Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove and Rabbi Steven I.  
Rein will preach and conduct services together  
with Cantor Azi Schwartz, Cantor Shiree  
Kidron, and the Synagogue Choir, with Colin  
Fowler at the organ.

## Cantorial Salon



## "Ghetto Theresienstadt: How Music Illuminated the Darkest Hours"

Thursday | November 8 | 7:00 pm

On the anniversary of Kristallnacht, Robert J. Elias, President of the OREL Foundation, will speak about the unique circumstances that existed in Ghetto Theresienstadt (now Terezin) between 1942 and 1944, circumstances that led to the creation of a remarkable music legacy. The presentation will be enhanced by live performance of chamber works by Viktor Ullmann, the most prolific of the composers interned in Theresienstadt.

The OREL Foundation encourages interest in and performance of works by composers suppressed by the Nazis and raises awareness of the importance of these composers in the history of 20th century music.



“To believe in  
the heroic makes  
heroes.”

## Aizeh Hu Gibor – Who is a hero?



**A**S WE DO  
EACH  
YEAR  
ON VETERAN'S  
DAY, we take  
time this month  
to remember  
and express

appreciation to all of the brave men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States of America. Jews have played an active and key role in the military of the U.S. since they first arrived in New Amsterdam in 1654, rising to the highest ranks and serving with valor and distinction in defense of this great country. I have no doubt that we recognize and appreciate the courage, heroism, and valiance of all members of the Armed Forces, both past and present. On this Veterans Day, I want to look beyond awards and decorations and take pause to think about *aizeh hu gibor* – who is a hero?

In English, we use the word “hero” for people who have risked their lives for the greater good of humanity or even

to rescue a single person. The Rabbis' definition of a hero was “One who conquers his evil inclination.” (*Pirkei Avot 4:1*) Great internal strength, or self-control, rather than dramatic risk-taking is the rabbis' mark of true heroism. I believe heroes are individuals who seek to do good in this world, regardless of scale. Heroes are people who commit themselves to aiding society's most vulnerable members in ways that create systemic and sustainable impact.

You may know the story of a young man who, while walking on a deserted beach, came upon an elderly man who was picking up starfish from the sand one at a time and throwing them into the water. Puzzled, the young man asked the older one what he was doing. The elder man responded, “I’m throwing these starfish back into the ocean. All of these starfish have been washed up onto the shore. If I don’t throw them back into the sea, they will die from lack of oxygen.” The young man paused for a moment and said, “But there must be thousands of starfish on this beach. You can’t possibly

get to all of them. You can’t possibly make a difference.” The old man smiled, bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and as he threw it back into the sea, he replied, “Made a difference to that one!”

This year on Veteran’s Day, the 11th of November, our nation will recognize our heroes. The greatest honor we can give our heroes is to emulate them, committing our own lives to help others. As Benjamin Disraeli enjoined, “To believe in the heroic makes heroes.” You can be a hero at year’s Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Mitzvah Day (see p. 3). The world is in need of heroes. May we each resolve to realize our potential to be an “unsung hero,” someone who picks up a single starfish and makes a difference.

[pasyn.org/calendar](http://pasyn.org/calendar)

GET UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION ABOUT PAS PROGRAMS, EVENTS & SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT [WWW.PASYN.ORG/CALENDAR](http://WWW.PASYN.ORG/CALENDAR).





### CHARLES SAFFAR

November 3 | Parashat Va-yera  
Son of Jean-Marc & Claudia Saffar



Charles was born in Boston and moved to New York at age three. He attends The Lycée Français de New York and the PAS

Congregational School, and in his spare time, enjoys swimming, soccer, tennis, and bass guitar.

He most enjoys playing soccer, and has been playing on the travel team at Asphalt Green for the last six years, in addition to playing on the LFNY Middle School team. At Brant Lake Camp, where he has spent every summer since age 7, he has also improved his soccer skills.

More than two years before he even thought about his Bar Mitzvah, Charles began volunteering regularly at the 90<sup>th</sup> Street soup kitchen. He has enjoyed it so much, that he put in three times as many hours as his school requires for community service.

Charles is also interested in business, and has been studying Mandarin since third grade with the thought that knowing it may someday help in developing his business in the future. Then as now he will succeed because of his charm, as well as his friendly, outgoing and confident personality.

His parents and his sister, Etty, are proud of him because of his good values, and his loving and caring personality.

Charles would like to thank the Clergy and staff at PAS for helping him prepare for his Bar Mitzvah and especially, his tutor Zach Spiegel, who was there to encourage and cheer him every step of the way.

### LIAM SEROTA

November 10 | Parashat Hayyei Sarah  
Son of Steven & Yona Serota



Liam is in eighth grade at The Heschel School where he has been a student since preschool.

Highly energetic and entrepreneurial,

Liam is often looking into new ideas and projects. In honor of becoming a Bar Mitzvah, he organized a 51-mile bike ride to raise funds on behalf of ALEH, Israel's largest organization with residential facilities for children with serious physical and cognitive disabilities.

Liam is a very social, caring and generous friend and family member, who often organizes gifts and surprises, thoughtful notes and hugs! A very determined person, he pursues his goals quite relentlessly.

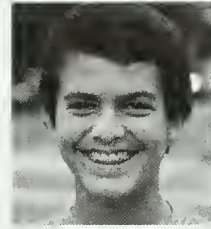
Liam likes to play basketball and tennis. During the summer he participates in tennis camp in NYC and has attended EXPLO camp in Massachusetts. As a toddler, he loved the Camp Keshet at PAS.

Liam has especially enjoyed learning to chant his Torah portion and thanks the clergy and staff at PAS for their teachings and guidance. He also thanks his family and friends for all their love and support.

In honor of this joyous occasion Liam's parents have arranged to plant a tree in Israel through the Jewish National Fund for each invited guest.

### OLIVER FISHER

November 17 | Parashat Tol'dot  
Son of Edward & Vivian Fisher



Oliver Fisher is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at the Dalton School and has attended Park Avenue Synagogue since preschool. He is kind, caring, and good-

natured, as well as intelligent, motivated, hardworking, and well-rounded. He is a confident athlete who enjoys lacrosse, football, wakeboarding, tennis, and wrestling. Oliver has spent five summers at Camp Lenox.

Oliver's older siblings are Rebecca and Alex. He is fortunate to have all four of his grandparents, 15 aunts and uncles, and 18 cousins. Needless to say, family is a big part of his life! He particularly enjoys visiting his grandparents in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

In honor of becoming a Bar Mitzvah, Oliver will be making a donation to Migdal Ohr, a nonprofit organization providing education and social guidance to children from underprivileged and troubled homes in Israel.

Oliver's parents take this opportunity to thank the teachers and clergy of PAS for the wonderful education they have afforded our children, and for helping to teach them the importance of religion, community, and family.

### *Have something special in your life?*

A new grandchild, an engagement, a parent's yahrzeit, a newly-published book, or any other event you would like to recognize? Sponsor a breakfast kiddush any weekday after the morning minyan. Make certain we know about your joyous occasions and your significant milestones so that we can acknowledge you on the Synagogue Family page of the Bulletin in future months.

For more information, contact Sam Rosenberg at 212-369-2600, x105 or [srosenberg@pasyn.org](mailto:srosenberg@pasyn.org).

# Synagogue Family

## ברוכים הבאים WELCOME

Roni Avinadav  
Barry & Beverly Goldsmith  
Keith Gottesdiener & Beth Jacobs  
Jay & Ilyse Lefkowitz  
Winnie Musonda

Renato & Siu Ping Negrin  
Jonah Neuman & Claire Hsieh  
David & Courtney Peretz  
Brian Ray & Allison Slater Ray  
Eric Rosen

Lawrence & Carol Saper  
Bob & Nazanine Sarraf  
David & Jacqueline Simon  
Jeffrey & Tracy Weiner

## מזל טוב MAZAL TOV

➡ **DR. ELIZABETH COMEN & AVI WEITZMAN** – on the birth of a son, Myles Weitzman, and to big brother Aiden ➡ **LANA & JOHN EDELMAN** – on the birth of a son, Alexander Asher Edelman ➡ **JODI & EVAN GREEBEL** – on the birth of a son, Matthew, and to big brother Harrison ➡ **KATHERINA GRUNFELD** – on the birth of a granddaughter, Miranda Giselle Furman, and to parents Natalie & Elliot Furman and big brother Alexander ➡ **MICHELLE & JED SCHWARTZ** – on the birth of a daughter, Caroline Sara Schwartz, and to big brother Jake ➡ **SCOTT & ELISSA DRASSINOWER** – on the birth of a son, Gavin Drassinower, and to big brother Oliver

## ינחם המקום CONDOLENCES

Tom & Deborah Ascheim on the loss of his father, Robert S. Ascheim / Nancy Burack on the loss of her husband, Bernard Burack / Paul & Anne Corwin on the loss of his mother, Leah Corwin / Jeffrey & Lara Frank on the loss of his mother, Sondra Frank / Donna & Todd Germain on the loss of his father, Melvin Germain / Pam Bernstein Friedman on the loss of her husband, George Friedman / Dr. Linda Grad on the loss of her sister, Charlotte Chernis / Dr. Jonathan & Deborah Lauter on the loss of his father, Robert S. Lauter / Meryl Pearlstein on the loss of her mother, Lillian Pearlstein / Lite & Arnold Sabin on the loss of her brother, Wulf Peter Bielenberg / Avi & Elizabeth Weitzman on the loss of his father, Isaac Weitzman / Ruthe Eppler and Marcia & Geoff Colvin on the loss of husband and father, Heinz Eppler

### ***PAS College Connections***

#### **Help us keep in touch with your college student!**

Students receive a monthly email with synagogue news, updates, and insights from PAS clergy and educators, plus holiday packages on Hanukkah, Tu BiShvat, Purim and Pesah. We'll also let students know when PAS clergy and educators make visits to their campus. Submit your student's updated information online at [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) by clicking on Youth Activities/RJNHS and looking for "PAS College Connections" at the bottom of the page. You can also contact Caryn Roman at [croman@pasyn.org](mailto:croman@pasyn.org) or 212-369-2600, x141, or pick up a printed form in the PAS lobby.

**[pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org)**

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AND STAY CONNECTED TO THE PAS COMMUNITY AT [WWW.PASYN.ORG](http://WWW.PASYN.ORG)



# Weekly Classes

For additional information about classes and events listed here, please look in the Fall Program Calendar or on [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org).

TO REGISTER FOR ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, unless otherwise noted in the description, go to <http://pasyn.org/lifelong-learning/adult-education>, click on "Classes" on the left side of the page and then on the appropriate registration link. Those without Internet access may call 212-369-2600, x121.

## MONDAY

**Siddur Hebrew 2** | 6:15 – 7:15 pm | Cantor Judi Rowland  
(No class on Nov. 19)

**Adult Bat Mitzvah** | 6:30 – 8:30 pm | R. Neil Zuckerman & C. Judi Rowland

**Modern Hebrew** | 7:30 – 9:00 pm | Varda Hubara

## TUESDAY

**Essential Essays** | 8:00 am, after morning minyan | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

**Contemporary Jewish Thought** | 11:30 am | Rabbi Steven Rein

**Siddur Hebrew 1** | 6:15 – 7:15 pm | Cantor Judi Rowland  
(No class on Nov. 20)

**Introduction to Judaism** | 6:15 – 8:30 pm | Rabbi Steven Rein  
(No class on Nov. 6)

## WEDNESDAY (No classes on Nov. 21)

**Perusin' the Parashah Medieval Style** | 8:00 am, after morning minyan | Abe Lebovic

**Melton Year 2** | 6:45 pm – 9:00 pm | Rabbi Shmuel Afek & Rabbi Zalman Rothschild

**Hasidism** | 6:45 - 7:45 pm | Rabbi Z. Rothschild | for Melton graduates

**Centropa** | 8:00 – 9:15 pm | Rabbi Shmuel Afek | for Melton graduates

**Context** | 6:45 – 9:30 pm | Dr. Benjamin Gampel

## THURSDAY (No classes on Nov. 22)

**Melton Year 1** | 9:15 – 11:30 am | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove and Debbie Cosgrove

**Hasidism** | 9:15 – 10:15 am | Rabbi Z. Rothschild | for Melton graduates

**Leadership & Crisis: Jewish Resources & Responses** | 10:30 – 11:30 am | Rabbi Neil Zuckerman | for Melton graduates

**Library Lunch & Learn** | 12:00 – 1:00 pm | Facilitator this month: Maya Glasser

**Congregational Singers** | 7:00 – 8:15 pm | Cantor Azi Schwartz

## FRIDAY (No class on Nov. 23)

**Talmud Torah: Masekhet Brakhot, Tractate Brakhot** | 8:00 am, after morning minyan | Rabbi Steven Rein

## SATURDAY/SHABBAT

**Parashat HaShavua** | 8:45 am

## CONTINUING MULTI-SESSION SERIES

**Jewish Law 101: Ask the Intern** | Tues | Nov 27; Dec 4 | 6:00 – 7:00 pm | David Minkus, PAS Rabbinic Intern

**The Music of the Torah** | Tuesdays | Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 6:15 – 7:00 pm | Cantor Shiree Kidron

**The Observant Life Observed** | Tues | Nov 27; Dec 4 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

**Midtown Lunch & Learn: For the Sake of Peace** | Wednesdays | Nov 7, 14 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm | Rabbi Steven Rein



For additional information please look in the Fall Program Calendar or on [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org).

# This Month at PAS



see November 7

## Monthly Interfaith Dialogue

Thursday | November 1 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm | Rabbi Steven Rein and Father Ugo Nacciarone from the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola | at the Church, 980 Park Ave. (at 84th St.)

Co-sponsored by the Caring Network at PAS & Men's Club

## Hospice and Palliative Care for Health Care Professionals

Sunday | November 4 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Rabbi Steven Rein & Metropolitan Jewish Health System

## Open Board Meeting of the PAS Women's Network

Monday | November 5 | 6:00 pm

All women are invited to come hear about our exciting programs and plans.

Sponsored by the Young Couples Group

## An Evening of Tribeca Art and Cocktails

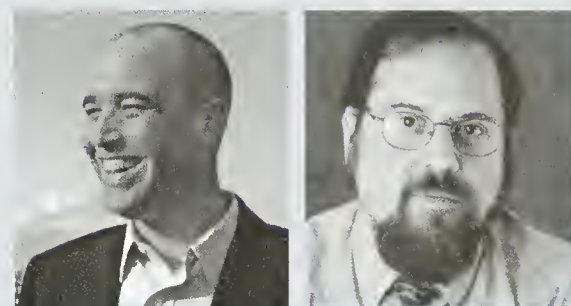
Wednesday | November 7 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Meet artist Meghan Boody in her Tribeca studio. Her work is shown internationally in galleries and museums and is in important collections including the Whitney Museum of American Art and the Herbert F. Johnson Museum at Cornell University.

To register, visit [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) and click on Young Couples Group. Under Upcoming Events, click on the event. After registering, you will receive an email with detailed information.

The Park Avenue Synagogue Lecture Series  
The Shifting Landscape of American Jewry

## Dor L'Dor: Changes, Challenges and Opportunities in Contemporary American Jewry



Ari Kelman and Jack Wertheimer  
Tuesday | November 13 | 7:00 pm  
\$18 members; \$25 general

For information about the two speakers, as well as information about all the events in the series, please read the Fall Program Calendar or visit [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org). Sign up at [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) under Adult Education and then PAS Lecture Series 5773.



## A Call for Comments

Wednesday | November 14 | 12:00 pm | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

To join in a discussion of the issues presented by the speakers, participate in an hour-long conference call hosted by Rabbi Cosgrove.

Sign up at [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) under Adult Education and then PAS Lecture Series 5773



For additional information please look in the Fall Program Calendar or on [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org).

## Shabbat Dinner Series

### Ambassador Yehuda Avner

Friday | November 30

*"When Another Holocaust Loomed: Menachem Begin's Decision to Bomb Saddam Hussein's Nuclear Reactor"*



#### AMBASSADOR YEHUDA AVNER

is an Israeli former diplomat and prime ministerial advisor. He is the author of *The Young Inheritors: A Portrait of Israel's Children*

and *The Prime Ministers: An Intimate Narrative of Israeli Leadership*.

Ambassador Avner is a fellow of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs. [For a detailed biography, please see the Fall Program Guide or visit [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org).]

Ambassador Avner will also speak at Shabbat morning services on Saturday, December 1, on the Prime Ministers.

*The Shabbat Dinner Series provides congregants an opportunity to join together in prayer, share a meal as a community and learn from noted speakers on topics of social, intellectual and spiritual interest. The Kabbalat Shabbat service begins at 6:15 pm, followed by dinner at approximately 7:30 pm. Cost: \$35/members; \$45/general. Registration is required by Monday, November 26. Space is limited. To register, go to [pasyn.org/lifelonglearning/adult-education](http://pasyn.org/lifelonglearning/adult-education) and click on the appropriate registration link under "Shabbat Dinner Series" on the left side of the page. Those without internet may call 212-369-2600, x121.*

Sponsored by Women's Network

### Sholem Aleichem Yiddish Club

Tuesday | November 13 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Sponsored by Women's Network

### Daytime Book Discussion Group

Monday | November 19 | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm | Renée Waldinger

*Out of Egypt: A Memoir* by Andre Aciman

Sponsored by Women's Network

### Lunch, Film, Discussion: Inside Israel: How a Small Nation Makes a Big Difference

Tuesday | November 20 | 1:00 pm

Facilitator: Rayna Kalish of the American Society for the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology

Sponsored by Women's Network

### Museum Visit: "World War II and New York City"

The New York Historical Society, 77<sup>th</sup> Street & Central Park West

Thursday | November 29 | Meet in the museum lobby at 1:15 pm for guided tour

The influx of European refugees in the 1930s had already changed the intellectual and cultural life of NYC. World War II transformed the city further as wartime industries and the war effort burgeoned. Join us for a guided tour of this exhibition.

Cost: \$20/person.

RSVP to Toby Feinberg at [tovagood@aol.com](mailto:tovagood@aol.com) or call Helene Agress at 212-362-1233.





*Edmond de Rothschild*  
**Library  
Autumn  
Hours**

Monday – Thursday: 12:00 – 6:30 pm | Friday by appointment | Librarian: Marga Hirsch

Note: the library is closed during classes on Wednesdays, 6:45 – 9:00 pm, and Thursdays, 9:15 – 11:45 am. Outside of these times, the library is usually open. When Marga is not there, follow the instructions posted in the library for checking out and returning books.

On display in the Library: *Color photographs of Central Park taken by Rabbi Judah Nadich, z"l.*

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**Scholar-in-Your-Residence:  
Shabbat Hospitality Matching  
Program**

Shabbat/Saturdays | Nov. – December  
| lunch | Rabbi Zalman Rothschild and  
PAS Rabbinic Intern David Minkus

You bring the people; we'll bring learning! Gather eight to 12 PAS members for a kosher/dairy lunch following services, and PAS will provide a guide for your Shabbat experience. There are a limited number of spaces for this program. To sign up either to host or to attend, visit [www.pasyn.org/Adult Education](http://www.pasyn.org/Adult Education) and click on Events.



*The PAS Gallery*

**Jewish Lens Photography by  
PAS Zayin Learners**  
September – December

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## The Caring Network at PAS



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**Social Work Support for PAS  
Members and Their Families**

Wednesdays | 9:00 – 11:30 am | Shira  
Felberbaum, MSW

Through a grant from UJA-Federation of New York, a Jewish Board of Family & Children's Services social worker is available to the PAS community, to meet with individuals, families, and/or groups for counseling and to put you in touch with additional resources available through JBFCFS and related agencies.

Shira Felberbaum, MSW, has office hours at PAS once a week. She can address issues such as loss and bereavement; acute and chronic illness; crisis intervention; expected and unexpected professional and personal transitions (job loss, divorce, marriage, birth, adoption, caregiving); adverse impact of economic downturn (unemployment and underemployment); addiction and recovery services; and challenges of parents who have children with mental health needs.

**For more information or to make an appointment, please call Shira at 212-632-4735 or email her at [sfelberbaum@jbfcs.org](mailto:sfelberbaum@jbfcs.org). You can also contact Rabbi Rein at [srein@pasyn.org](mailto:srein@pasyn.org) or at 212-369-2600, x124.**

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**Social Work Support for PAS  
Seniors, Families and their  
Caregivers**

Thursdays | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm | Yael  
Kornfeld, LMSW.

If you are looking for companionship, shopping assistance, an escort to a medical appointment, a volunteer opportunity or caregiver support for yourself or a family member, please contact our DOROT social worker,

**For more information or to make an appointment, contact Rabbi Rein at [srein@pasyn.org](mailto:srein@pasyn.org) or at 212-369-2600, x124 or Yael at 212-769-2850 or [ykornfeld@dorotusa.org](mailto:ykornfeld@dorotusa.org).**

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**Monthly Caregiver Support  
Group and Text Study**

Wednesday | Nov. 14 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm |  
Rabbi Rein & Yael Kornfeld, MSW

Onsite social work support is made possible by a UJA Partners in Caring grant.





### ***Congregational School Program Schedule***

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Saturday | November 3 | 9:15am – 12:00 pm | Shabbat Experience for Gimel, Dalet, Hey & Vav Learners (Grades 3-6)

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Friday | November 9 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm | Community Shabbat service & dinner (Grades K-7)

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Saturday | November 10 | No Shabbat Experience

| 3:00 pm | Vav Book Club with Rabbi Cosgrove.

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Saturday | November 17 | 9:15 am – 12:00pm | Shabbat Experience for Gimel & Dalet Learners (Grades 3 &4)

| 10:00 – 11:00 am | Shabbat Experience for Hey & Vav Learners

| 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | Hey & Vav Families join Shabbat Experience

| 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | Family Shabbat Experience for Gan, Alef & Bet (Grades K-2)

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Sunday | November 18 | 9:30 am – 1:00 pm | PAS Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Mitzvah Day

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Monday | November 19 | 4:00 – 6:00 pm | Zayin (Grade 7) monthly Monday program

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Wednesday – Sunday | November 21– 25 | Thanksgiving Break

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Monday | November 26 | 4:00 pm | School resumes

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Thursday | November 29 | 5:45 – 6:45 pm | Vav Bnei Mitzvah Family program

### **Tavim Youth Choir**

Mondays | 5:00 – 5:40 pm | Cantor Shiree Kidron

Open to anyone in third grade or up, the Tavim Youth Choir learns music for Shabbat, holidays and just for fun. Tavim performs at services and celebrations and also visits senior centers to entertain and sing with the residents.

Contact Cantor Kidron at [skidron@pasyn.org](mailto:skidron@pasyn.org) or 212-369-2600, x126 for more information.



## Young Family Education

### Shabbat Programs

To register, go to [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org). Click on Young Family Education. Under Upcoming Events, click on the event.

#### Shabbat Morning Programs

Saturday | November 3 | 11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Our service includes Shabbat songs, dancing, a short story and other activities, and ends with Kiddush and a light snack.

#### Shabbat Service and Dinner for Families with Young Children – Birthday Blessings, Too

Friday | November 16 | Service 5:00 pm, Dinner approx. 5:30– 6:30 pm

Families with children ages 0-6 are invited to join our clergy for a family-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed immediately by a child-friendly buffet dinner and short program. Children with November birthdays will receive a birthday blessing and a small gift. Space is limited. Cost: \$35/members, \$45/non-members, \$15/children.

#### NEW! PAS Expectant Mothers' Circle

Mondays | Nov 19 & Dec 17 | 6:00 pm  
Facilitators: Alexandra Kwiat, Psy.D. and Mariana Strongin, Psy.D.

Co-sponsored by the PAS Caring Network and the Department of Young Family Education, this series of group discussions will give expectant moms a chance to share their experiences of pregnancy and prepare for the transition to motherhood. Specialized speakers will address topics such as nursing, sleep, nutrition, changes in marital relationships and returning to work after the baby is born. There will also be information about choosing Hebrew names, planning a brit milah or naming ceremony, and Jewish bedtime rituals to begin with your newborn.

To register, visit [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org), click on Young Family Education and then on the event in the list on the right.

*Both Alexandra and Mariana are members of PAS and parents of young children. They are co-founders of a mental health practice that specializes in the support of expectant mothers.*

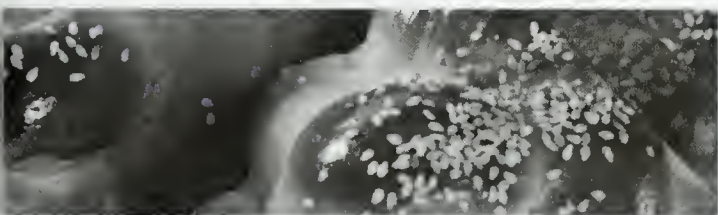


#### LOOK AHEAD!

#### Hanukkah, O Hanukkah, Come to Our Party!

Sunday | December 2 | 10:30 am

Get ready for Hanukkah with PJ Library and musician Sheldon Low. Register at [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org). Click on Young Family Education and then on the event.



#### Day School Community Shabbat Dinner

Friday | November 2 | 7:15 pm, after services

Welcome and celebrate Shabbat with other day school families.  
Cost: \$35/adult, \$15/child.

To register, visit [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org), click on Day School Community, then on the event.

## Youth Activities & RJNHS

#### PAS Food Pantry

Food Packaging: Wednesdays | 3:00 – 5:00 pm  
Food Distribution: Fridays | 3:30 pm – beginning of Shabbat

#### Parent and Teen Shabbat Study Session with Rabbi Cosgrove

Saturday | November 3 | 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Meet with other post-Bnei Mitzvah learners and their parents for study, schmoozing, snacks, and Shabbat joy!

#### Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Mitzvah Day: Thanksgiving Event Packaging

Sunday | Nov. 18 | 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

We count on Mitzvah Day volunteers to help prepare for our massive Thanksgiving Food Pantry distribution.

#### Food Pantry: Thanksgiving Package Distribution

Wednesday | Nov. 21 | 12:00 – 5:00 pm

On the Food Pantry's biggest day of the year, we need a lot of helping hands! RJNHS and Food Pantry Alumni are welcome! If you're a student out of school early or home for the holiday break, come help hand out over 500 turkeys and more than 800 Thanksgiving meals.



#### BIBLE FUND

Ronnie & David Parker, *in honor* of David's birthday.

#### BIKUR CHOLIM

Louis Bernstein.

#### CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

Jonathan & Martha Cohen, *in memory* of Amnon Presler, father of Dr. Noa Schwartz.

Dr. Beth Corn, *in honor* of Cantor Azi Schwartz.

#### RABBI COSGROVE'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Jonathan & Martha Cohen, *in memory* of Sherry Rutman, mother of Dr. Howard Rutman.

Michael & Robin Taubin.

#### HESED FUND

Carol & Robert P. Antler, *in honor* of their anniversary.

Robert P. Antler, *in memory* of his beloved father Eric R. Antler.

#### HIGH SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY

Dr. Beth Corn, *in honor* of Gail Silberman.

Dr. Beth Corn, *in honor* of Evelyn Gelman.

Dr. Beth Corn, *in honor* of Susan & Larry Lerner.

Harriet & Herb Feiweil, *in memory* of Barbara Kaplan.

Susan & Isaac Lemor, *in honor* of Miriam Tauber and Paulette Mintz on the birth of their great-grandson and grandson, Henry Myles Goldstein

Sylvan & Joan Scheffler, *in memory* of Amnon Presler, father of Dr. Noa Schwartz.

#### LIBRARY FUND

Joanne & Morton Davis, *in honor* of their anniversary.

#### RABBI REIN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Wallace Chavkin.

#### SYNAGOGUE OFFERINGS

Steven Alden.

Ellen Schwartz Cooley, *in memory* of her beloved father Albert Schwartz.

Samuel Cooper, *in honor* of his birthday.

Samuel Cooper, *in memory* of his beloved mother Ray Cooper.

Leon Demb, *in honor* of Michael Brenner.

Leon Demb, *in honor* of Jack Silver.

Leon Demb, *in honor* of Sylvan & Joan Scheffler.

Dr. Juliet Diller, *in memory* of his beloved father Meyer Cooper.

Florence Edelstein, *in memory* of her beloved son, Jeffrey M. Edelstein.

Heinz Eppler, *in honor* of his birthday.

William Felder, *in memory* of his beloved father Edward Felder.

Eugenie Fromer, *in memory* of her beloved brother Leonard Bergman.

Harold Geringer, *in memory* of his beloved father-in-law, Bernard Nissen.

Barbara Gerstel, *in memory* of her beloved husband Howard Gerstel.

Dr. James Goldman, *in memory* of his beloved mother Katherine Goldman.

Dr. Ethan Gologor, *in memory* of his beloved mother Esther Gologor.

Dr. Carin Lamm Gruenberger, *in memory* of her beloved father Jack Horowitz.

Peter Gruenberger, *in memory* of his beloved mother Olga Gruenberger.

Ellen & Larry Heller, *in honor* and *in memory* of Edgar Livingston.

Dr. Brian & Erika Jacob, *in honor* of their anniversary.

Dr. Neal Kaplan, *in honor* of his birthday.

Marilyn Katz, *in memory* of her beloved husband Robert Katz.

Dorothy Ann Kirsch, *in memory* of her beloved father Edward Tejew.

Joan Leiman, *in memory* of her beloved father John Maisel.

Alan & Alison Levine, *in honor* of the marriage of their daughter Emily Levine to Matthew Rascoff.

Alan & Alison Levine, *in honor* of their anniversary.

Miriam London, *in memory* of her beloved mother-in-law Selma London.

Larry Lurin, *in memory* of his beloved father Philip Lurin.

Larry Lurin & Eileen Lewis Lurin, *in honor* of their 40th anniversary.

Richard Nackenson, *in honor* of his birthday.

Morris Orden, *in memory* of his beloved wife Patricia Orden.

Susan Orenbuch, *in memory* of her beloved father Berel Orenbuch.

Rachel Philipp, *in memory* of her beloved brother Ernest Furchtgott.

Ruth Rabinowitz, *in memory* of her beloved father Harry Rabinowitz.

Dr. Mordecai Rochlin, *in memory* of his beloved brother Benjamin Rochlin.

Stefanie Katz-Rothman, *in memory* of her beloved father Donald Katz.

Ethel Rubinstein, *in memory* of her beloved father Frank Rubinstein.

Richard Scharf, *in memory* of his beloved father Abraham Scharf.

Lorin Schneider & Ray Ennis, *in memory* of Melanie Schneider and Lynn Schneider.

Hon. Melvin Schweitzer, *in memory* of his beloved father Irving Schweitzer.

Florence Seligman.

Eytan M. Shapiro, *in honor* of his High Holiday aliyah.

Richard Shuster, *in honor* of Eddie Fisher.

Stanley Siegelbaum, *in memory* of his beloved mother Frances Siegelbaum.

Nathan Silverstein, *for honors received* at Shabbat services.

The Topaz Family, *in memory* of Edgar Livingston, father of Robin Taubin.

Jacqueline Wahl, *in honor* of her Rosh Hashanah aliyah.

Lois Weinberg, *in honor* of her birthday.

Annette Zimmerman, *in memory* of her beloved father, Abraham Fortgang.

Roberta Zuckerman, *in memory* of her beloved father Morris E. Greebel.



**Know someone ill, elderly or homebound?** The PAS Bikur Cholim Caring Committee – *in loving memory of Dr. Albert & Phyllis L. Cornell* – fulfills the mitzvah of visiting the ill by reaching out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee's trained volunteers are committed to providing confidential hands-on support and companionship to the members of our congregation.

To arrange for this mitzvah, please call Rabbi Cosgrove's office at 212-369-2600, x120.



# November

## PAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2012 HESHVAN/KISLEV 5773

*Daily Shoharit Minyanim Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am.*

*Minha/Ma'ariv Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm. Any changes are noted when they occur.*

*For Congregational School Shabbat programs, see the CS program schedule on p. 12.*

*Information is subject to change. Confirm at [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org) or with the Synagogue office.*

<b>4</b>	19 Heshvan	<b>5</b>	20 Heshvan	<b>6</b>	21 Heshvan	<b>7</b>	22 Heshvan	<b>8</b>	23 Heshvan	<b>9</b>	24 Heshvan Candles, 4:25 pm	<b>10</b>	25 Heshvan Parashat Hayyei Sarah
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## A Look Ahead: December

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### Annual PAS Book Fair and Hanukkah Boutique

TUESDAY | DECEMBER 4 | 4:00 – 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 5 | 9:30 AM – 7:00 PM

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 6 | 9:30 AM – 6:30 PM

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### Hanukkah Concert

*with Cantor Azi Schwartz & Special Guest Joey Weisenberg*

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 9 | 4:00 PM

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### Park Avenue Synagogue Lecture Series

*Behind the Scenes with the Conservative Rabbis of the East Side*

TUESDAY | DECEMBER 11 | 7:00 PM

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### Guest Speaker: Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 15 | SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

